

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. WITHERS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 602.]

The Committee on Pensions having examined the bill (S. 602) and the papers accompanying, find that the said bill purposes to restore to the pension roll Thomas W. McCaffrey, late second lieutenant Company D, Fourth Tennessee Infantry, war of 1846, and to pay him the pension which he received up to the 4th day of March, 1861.

It appears that the applicant was allowed a pension for disability from rheumatism originating in the service and in the line of duty during the war with Mexico; that his name was dropped from the rolls March 4, 1861, because a resident of an insurrectionary State; that after the close of the war he applied for restoration and was refused, because the disease from which he is now suffering is not traceable to the disease which caused the disability for which he was pensioned.

The disease from which the applicant now seems to suffer is valvular and other diseases of the heart, and he was originally pensioned for rheumatism. Several medical witnesses testify that the diseased condition of the heart is, in their opinion, directly traceable to the rheumatism, and that rheumatism is recognized as one of the most frequent causes of heart disease. As this is no doubt true, and as the applicant has established the fact that he has suffered continuously and unremittingly from disease, and with constantly increasing disability, the committee recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment.

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The Commission on the Organization of the Medical Profession, which was organized in 1912, has issued its report. The report is a comprehensive study of the medical profession in this country, and it contains many valuable suggestions for the improvement of the medical profession. The report is divided into two parts. The first part is a general study of the medical profession, and the second part is a study of the medical profession in the various states. The report is a valuable contribution to the study of the medical profession, and it is one that every physician should read.